

North Carolina Weather & Crops Report

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2011

GENERAL: The state received below normal precipitation and temperatures last week. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work, compared to 5.0 days the previous week. Statewide soil moisture levels were rated at 1% very short, 13% short, 81% adequate and 5% surplus. Cooler and drier weather prevailed throughout much of the state, allowing producers to continue to plant small grains, harvest apples, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes and cut hay.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PHENOLOGICAL:				
Soybeans % Leaf Drop	85	N/A	92	89
Wheat % Emerged	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
PLANTED:				
Barley	69	39	69	59
Oats	59	34	72	57
Wheat	37	18	31	29
HARVESTED:				
Apples	90	83	92	94
Cotton	61	46	64	54
Hay 3rd Cutting	87	82	89	88
Peanuts Threshed	76	58	75	84
Soybeans	25	21	34	22
Sweet Potatoes	82	74	77	79

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Wheat	0	0	13	82	5
Cotton	4	19	42	32	3
Pasture	6	17	35	37	5
Soybeans	2	8	40	45	5

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Region	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
State	1	13	81	5
Mountain	3	26	66	5
Piedmont	0	6	92	2
Coastal	1	10	81	8

REMARKS FROM THE FIELD

Tobacco growers are just about to finish up their crop, but a frost warning was in effect over the Halloween weekend. Temperatures dropped down to 32-34 degrees. Some of the growers that have a few more barns in the field will more than likely have to depend on crop insurance. Some tobacco growers will be planting small grains during the month of November for their cover crops.

Joey Knight –Caswell County Extension

Rain and cold Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Lynn Howard– NCDA&CS Agronomic Division

Wheat planting began in earnest this week, and will continue depending on weather conditions. Double crop soybeans are being harvested as they mature. Soybean leaf dropping has been slow.

Tommy Grandy –Currituck County Extension

We just had the first freeze on Saturday night and another freeze on Sunday night. Temperatures dropped last week and will be cold again this week (lows in 40s and highs in 50 or 60s).

Wendy Drake –Hertford County Extension

In Greene County, we had our first frost over the weekend.

Growers have nearly finished harvesting their corn and peanuts, and are picking cotton, sweet potatoes, and soybeans. Winter wheat is being planted

Roy Thagard – Greene County Extension

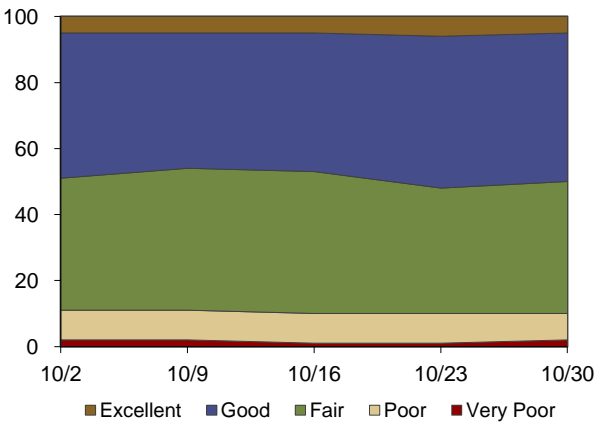
Recent rains have benefited the emerging wheat crop. Only soybeans are left to be harvested.

Al Wood –Pasquotank County Extension

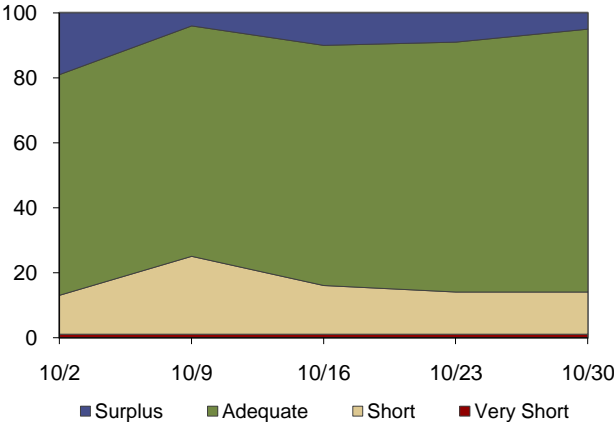
We have had a dry week. Soybean harvest starting to come around.

Cathy Herring –Central Crops Research Station

SOYBEAN CONDITION



TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT



WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2011										
Location	Precipitation (Inches) ¹				Temperature (Degrees F.)					
	This Week		Year To Date		This Week					
	Total	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Avg.	Departure from Normal	Degree Days (Year to Date)	
Asheville	0.25	-0.51	32.69	-7.05	74	27	51	-1	1,162	
Burlington	1.08	0.38	25.62	-13.20	78	29	53	-3	1,851	
Castle Hayne	0.00	-0.56	36.56	-14.60	79	34	56	-4	2,081	
Chapel Hill	0.71	-0.13	24.82	-15.80	77	30	53	-2	1,905	
Charlotte	0.65	-0.13	27.03	-9.82	78	28	55	-3	1,880	
Clayton	0.45	-0.22	16.24	-23.00	77	33	54	-3	1,919	
Clinton	0.11	-0.52	26.15	-16.80	79	31	55	-3	2,066	
Fayetteville	0.14	-0.49	20.90	-19.70	80	33	56	-2	2,345	
Fletcher	0.28	-0.54	36.07	-7.78	75	26	49	-1	1,002	
Gastonia	0.55	-0.23	31.87	-6.09	78	30	54	-2	1,660	
Greensboro	0.69	0.02	25.68	-11.30	77	30	53	-2	1,761	
Hickory	0.48	-0.30	31.85	-9.78	78	33	54	-2	1,630	
High Point	0.00	-0.77	24.22	-15.20	76	31	52	-4	1,422	
Jackson Springs	0.42	-0.38	37.72	-3.52	76	35	55	-2	1,893	
Kinston	0.02	-0.61	35.73	-7.53	79	34	55	-6	2,052	
Lewiston	0.09	-0.54	37.20	-4.06	78	32	54	-3	1,840	
Lumberton	0.06	-0.61	25.03	-16.90	80	31	55	-2	2,253	
Maxton	0.28	-0.42	19.51	-22.20	79	30	54	-5	2,110	
Monroe	0.41	-0.43	21.02	-20.60	77	31	54	-3	1,904	
Oxford	0.85	0.08	49.24	10.00	76	32	53	-2	1,756	
Plymouth	0.02	-0.75	30.70	-14.80	79	33	55	-4	1,834	
Raleigh	0.64	-0.13	28.52	-11.50	77	32	54	-4	1,893	
Salisbury	0.62	-0.13	34.86	-2.09	77	29	52	-2	1,607	
Siler City	0.80	-0.04	23.54	-17.90	76	28	51	-4	1,576	
Waynesville	0.47	-0.23	33.96	-6.85	74	25	49	0	679	
Whiteville	0.00	-0.56	35.58	-8.50	78	31	55	-5	2,030	
Williamston	0.00	-0.70	40.39	-2.88	78	31	54	-4	1,882	
Winston-Salem	0.26	-0.41	26.35	-10.60	77	36	54	-1	1,527	
¹ Precipitation data considered preliminary										

